

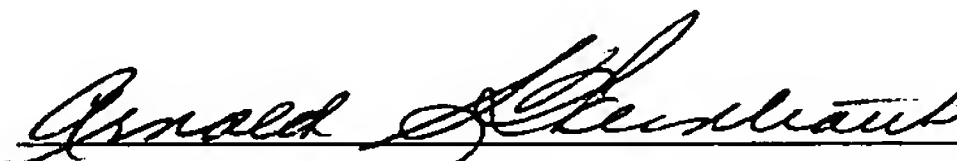
REMARKS

This Application is the U. S. filing of and claims priority from prior filed European Application EP 02027942.8, filed December 13, 2002. The Specification filed herein is a copy of the originally filed EP Application and is in French.

Page 1 of the Specification is amended to include a title and a paragraph that cross-references and specifically claims priority from the prior filed EP Application.

Accordingly, the serial number and filing date are respectfully requested.

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